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SUBJECT: PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT WITH
SPANISH NON-COMMUNIST GROUPS

REF.: MADRID 9054, MADRID 9066 AND MADRID 9085

1. POSTS MAY RECEIVE REPORTS ALLEGING CIA INVOLVEMENT
IN DOMESTIC POLITICS IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
GIVEN GREAT INTEREST AND HEAVY ATTENTION CURRENTLY
DIRECTED AT ALL CIA ACTIVITIES BY US CONGRESS AND MEDIA.
HOWEVER, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, DEPT. DOES NOT ENGAGE IN
PUBLIC EFFORTS TO DENY REBUT OR DEBATE SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

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BLANKET DENIALS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AND SELECTIVE

DENIALS WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING.

2. PRESENT CHARGES IN SPAIN ARE APPARENTLY A BY-PRODUCT OF PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT ITALIAN SITUATION. SACRAMENTO BEE WASHINGTON OFFICE HAS PROVIDED COPY OF STORY PICKED UP BY PYRESA, AND WHICH MENTIONS SPAIN AS AREA OF CONCERN NOT AS SITE OF SPECIFIC OPERATIONS. MADRID SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT IN CONTACTS WITH RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISTS IN EVENT PYRESA VERSION GAINS WIDE CIRCULATION. FULL TEXT OF

SACRAMENTO BEE ARTICLE BYSEPTEL ,

3. IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES OR QUESTIONS FROM POLITICAL GROUPS, EMBASSY SHOULD CLARIFY THAT PRESS ARTICLE IN QUESTION DOES NOT ALLEGE U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH SPANISH POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESS REPORTS THAT IT DOES ARE NOT ACCURATE. YOU SHOULD ALSO REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON ALLEGATIONS RE ITALY OR PORTUGAL.

4. AS MATTER OF GLOBAL POLICY USG DOES NOT COMMENT ON SPECULATION ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES. IF ASKED, EMBASSY SHOULD CONFIRM THAT USG FULLY RESPECTS PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES. IN CASE OF REQUESTS FOR DENIALS THAT US HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO SPECIFIC NON-COMMUNIST GROUPS, AS ASKED BY PSD, EMBASSY MAY POINT OUT THAT SUCH GROUPS CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. FINALLY, ON INFORMAL AND PRIVATE BASIS, EMBASSY OFFICERS COULD POINT OUT THAT EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES HAVE OFTEN EXTENDED PUBLIC SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE SOCIALIST ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS, WITHOUT SUCH EFFORTS BEING VIEWED AS UNWELCOME INTERFERENCE. FURTHER, COMMUNIST PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET HELP.

5. AMBASSADOR STABLER CONCURS IN FOREGOING AND ASKS EMBASSY TO INFORM GARCIA LOPEZ THAT SPANISH PRESS ACCOUNTS OF SACRAMENTO BEE ARTICLE ARE NOT ACCURATE (PARAS 2 & 3).
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